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SUBJ: SUHARTO NIXON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS REGARDING ADB
MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
SUHARTO ON MARCH 10: BEGIN QUOTE DEAR PRESIDENT NIXON:

MAY I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION, MR. PRESIDENT, ON AN IMPORTANT
MATTER AFFECTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF ASIA.

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK IS MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO
ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO ENABLE IT TO UNDERTAKE A
DYNAMIC CONCESSIONAL LENDING PROGRAM IN THIS REGION. FOR
THIS PURPOSE I UNDERSTAND IT HAS CONVENED A MEETING OF
POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES IN LONDON NEXT WEEK. I AM
ADVISED THAT THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AT THIS
MEETING IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE BANK'S PLANS. WE
IN INDONESIA HAVE BEEN GREATLY ASSIGNED BY THE BANK'S
PROGRAMMES BUT THERE IS VERY MUCH MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE
DONE. MAY I THEREFORE MAKE AN APPEAL TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
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FOR SUPPORT FOR THE BANK' S EFFORTS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN GREATER ASSISTANCE FROM THE BANK TO INDONESIA AND TO THE OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF ASIA. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER PRESIDENT NIXON' S REPLY, TEXT AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 6 CONCERNING THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SPECIAL FUNDS. I CONTINUE TO WATCH THE BANK' S ACTIVITIES IN ITS DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH GREAT INTEREST AND SATISFACTION, AND IT IS THEREFORE GRATIFYING TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM YOU OF THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THE BANK IS MAKING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF INDONESIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

WE SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT THE BANK' S CURRENT EFFORTS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ITS CONCESSIONAL LENDING FACILITY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. THE RECENT RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE BANK AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND CERTAINLY REPRESENTED A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD AS DID THE MARCH MEETING OF DONOR COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN LONDON.

YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE PROPOSED 100 MILLION DOLS UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE BANK' S SPECIAL FUNDS RESOURCES, WHICH IS NOW BEFORE THE CONGRESS, HAS MY STRONG PERSONAL SUPPORT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE BANK' S CONCESSIONAL LOAN FACILITY WILL CONTINUE ITS CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN ASIA.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END QUOTE.

3. ORIGINAL SIGNED AND POUCHED MAY 12. RUSH

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